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The STEM Advisory Council Broadband Committee is soliciting input from stakeholders all across Iowa who can offer insights into the unique broadband challenges facing the state, as well as provide thoughts on possible solutions. This input will help enhance efforts in developing effective policy recommendations to expand broadband access, adoption and use for all Iowans.

To offer comments, please address the questions below. All responses are considered public information, so please do not include confidential information in your response.

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- I. What barriers or other issues can you identify that may impede the increase of broadband access, adoption and use across the state? **Cost of bandwidth**
- II. If you had to choose one *primary* barrier, what would that be? **Cost**
- III. What recommendations do you have to overcome these barriers? **ICN should emerge as a competitive transport network, offer incentives to Local Exchanges in rural or underserved areas to allow bandwidth at reduced costs.**
- IV. What are your expectations for future access needs? **As more capability is added to internet the need for greater bandwidth is magnified.**
- V. Other comments?